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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

7 March 1979

National Intelligence Officers

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director of National Foreign *RRB*
Assessment Center

FROM: John H. Holdridge
National Intelligence Officer for China

SUBJECT: Suggested Topic for IC Conference Call:
More Flexible Guidelines on US Defense
Attache Contacts with PRC Counterparts

1. Action Requested: That in your next IC conference call you raise the desirability of providing more flexible guidelines to US Defense Attaches to cover their contacts with PRC counterparts.

2. Background: Last month two of our Defense attaches in Bonn were approached separately by the PRC assistant defense attache for information to confirm whether a Soviet army maneuver was taking place in Czechoslovakia coincident with a NATO Reforger exercise. Both our attaches fended off this request on the grounds that they had no knowledge of the subject. The report to DIA on the incident stated that "this is in keeping with DIA policy to pass no info to PRC attaches." (Attachment)

3. A check on DIA guidance indicates that the Director of DIA has made it clear that as a policy matter he does not wish to respond to PRC overtures anywhere, although there is no intention of terminating existing and developing relations between PRC and our attaches. Thus, a US attache cannot pass either classified information or unclassified US Government

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produced documents that are available through official sources to PRC personnel. He may be sociable, and also may pass on unclassified US Government publications available to the "man on the street," but not in such a way as to suggest that could be construed by the PRC attaches as being responsive to their overtures.

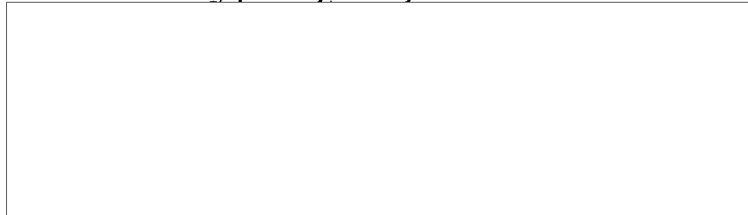
4. The DIA guidance predates normalization, and it is possible that it is already being reviewed. If not, however, it would seem that in certain circumstances there may well be advantages to be gained through carefully controlled, case-by-case exchanges of information between US and PRC attaches. We would, of course, want to watch the circumstances very closely and not imply a special relationship which could be exploited by Beijing, but clearly the Chinese may have access to information of intelligence value which might not be available to us through other sources and which they might provide on a reciprocal basis.

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7. Recommendation: That if DIA guidance on contacts between US and PRC attaches does not yet reflect US-PRC normalization, it be adjusted on a case-by-case basis to conform with Operations Directorate guidance on such contacts, and that you support this in your IC conference call.



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DIA Policy

cc: DDCI

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REFS: A. DIA 021542Z NOV 78.

B. USDAO LONDON 081804Z NOV 78 (NOTAL)

1. (S/NOFORN) REF A. PROVIDED DIA POLICY ON THE EXCHANGE OF USG OFFICIAL CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION WITH THE PRC. REF B. REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THIS GUIDANCE SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE TYPE OF MATERIAL COVERED BY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.
2. (S/NOFORN) THE DIRECTOR'S GUIDANCE IS CLEAR AND CONCISE. AS A POLICY MATTER, HE DOES NOT WISH TO RESPOND TO PRC OVERTURES ANY WHERE. AT THE SAME TIME THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A DESIRE TO TERMINATE EXISTING AND DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS. THE MEANS BY WHICH A DAO MAINTAINS THIS RELATIONSHIP IS LEFT TO HIS DISCRETION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PROVIDING OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.
3. (S/NOFORN) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: 1) ALL CLASSIFIED INFORMATION; 2) ALL UNCLASSIFIED U.S. GOVERNMENT PRODUCED DOCUMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH OFFICIAL SOURCES.
4. (S/NOFORN) IT DOES NOT INCLUDE UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS THAT MAY BE PRODUCED BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE "MAN ON THE STREET." PROVISION OF THIS TYPE INFORMATION IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE ATTACHE. IT CERTAINLY MAY NOT BE USED IN A MANNER THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED BY THE PRC AS BEING RESPONSIVE TO THEIR OVERTURES. IT MAY NOT BE USED TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF AN EXISTING RELATIONSHIP. IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE USED TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP AND TO HELP KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN WITH THE PRC ATTACHE.

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REF: DIA 152126Z SEP 78 (NOTAL)

1. (S/NOFORN) DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS VARIOUS DAO'S IN WIDELY DISPERSED AREAS HAVE REPORTED INCREASED CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PRC ATTACHES ASSIGNED IN THEIR COUNTRY. IN SOME CASES, AS CONTACTS INCREASED, THE SUBJECT OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION WOULD BE ALLUDED TO BY THE PRC ATTACHE. OCCASIONALLY THE PRC ATTACHE WOULD PROVIDE INFO OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE.
2. (S/NOFORN) DIA HAS NOTED THIS ACTIVITY WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND HAS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE RELEASE OF INFO TO THE PRC. THE RESULT, HOWEVER, IS THAT FOR THE PRESENT DIA'S OFFICIAL POLICY IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO RESPOND TO PRC REQUESTS FOR USG OFFICIAL INFORMATION. THIS DECISION WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON POLICY COMMENTS PROVIDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR OBJECTIONS TO A DIA REQUEST TO PROVIDE THE PRC CLASSIFIED INFO ON THE SOVIET EXERCISE BEREZINA, TO WIT: "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT US-PRC RELATIONS ARE AT THE STAGE WHERE WE ARE PREPARED TO SHARE WITH THE CHINESE INFORMATION OF EVEN THIS LEVEL OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT NEWS WOULD LEAK OR THE CHINESE WOULD LET IT BE KNOWN TO THE YUGOSLAVS OR OTHERS THAT THE US HAD SHARED INFO ON BEREZINA, PERHAPS IN FULL AWARENESS THAT WORD WOULD GET BACK TO MOSCOW. . . . MOREOVER, THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY TAKING ACTIONS WHICH COULD ADD TO SOVIET SUSPICIONS OVER US/WESTERN-PRC COLLABORATION ON MILITARY MATTERS." THE OR FULLY SUPPORTS STATE DEPT'S VIEWS, AND THE POLICY ITERATED ABOVE.
3. (S/NOFORN) WHILE DIA'S POSITION CLEARLY PROHIBITS PROVIDING USG OFFICIAL INFORMATION, CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED, IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE CONTINUATION OF FRIENDLY CONTACT

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4. (S/NOFORN) WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE AN EARLY REVIEW OF THESE POLICY PROHIBITIONS ON THE PRC, HOWEVER, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING DIA WITH DATA ON THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF YOUR CONTACTS WITH PRC ATTACHES WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ANY FUTURE REVIEW. IR REPORTING SHOULD CLEARLY INDICATE ANY SPECIFIC

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1. (U) COUNTRY: FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GE),
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CH)
2. (U) REPORT NR: 6 834 0041 79
3. (U) TITLE: PRC ATTACHE INTEREST IN SOVIET MANEUVER
4. (U) PROJECT NR.: NA
5. (U) DATE OF INFO: 790206
6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 790208
7. (U) DATE & PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 790206, BONN
8. (U) REFERENCES: ICR: T-284-39020 (CONTINUES)
9. (U) ASSESSMENT: SOURCE A, INFO 1
10. (U) ORIGINATOR: USDAO (AARMA) BONN GE
11. (U) REQ EVAL.: YES
12. (U) PREPARING OFFICER: DONALD F. ULLMANN, MAJ, GS,
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13. (U) APPROVING AUTH: JACK G. CALLAWAY, COL, FA, DATT
14. (U) SOURCE: PERSONAL OBSERVATION
15. (U) SPEC INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC.: NO
16. (U) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON A
QUERY BY PRC ASST DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR INFO ON A REPORTED
SOVIET ARMY MANEUVER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
22. (C) DETAILS: AT AN ATTACHE ASSN LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY
AIRA AND AARMA ON 790206, EACH WAS APPROACHED SEPARATELY
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TION AS TO WHETHER A SOVIET ARMY MANEUVER WAS TAKING PLACE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO COINCIDE WITH REFORGER 79 (CERTAIN SENTINEL). THE PRC ATTACHE TOLD BOTH DAO BONN OFFICERS THAT IF THEY HAD SOME INFO ON THIS SUBJECT TO PASS TO HIM, THEY SHOULD SIMPLY CALL HIM AT HIS EMBASSY AND ARRANGE A MEETING.
ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS(C): AIRA AND AARMA BOTH TOLD HSIUNG THAT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH DIA POLICY TO PASS NO INFO TO PRC ATTACHES.
DECL: 8 FEB 1985.

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